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The UK will not block the Partnership for Democratic Governance (PDG) at the July 12 OECD meeting, according to Jeremy Armon, Governance Advisor at DFID responding to reftel demarche. DFID will not support the PDG, as they remain skeptical about its value added, but they will not vote against it. Armon said DFID DG Mark Lowcock had approved this position. Lowcock was unavailable to receive the demarche directly. (Comment: DFID principals have been difficult to reach in the last week due to the cabinet reshuffle and changes at DFID. End Comment.) This message is consistent with the UK position enunciated by Deputy Director Graeme Teskey, also unavailable to meet this week, to S/P Acting Director Waxman on May 22. At FCO, OECD Desk Natalie Golding responded that DFID would set the UK position on PDG for the July 12 vote.

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